

THE TRUE FACTS.

Major McKinley's Position With Regard to the A. P. A.

HAS REFUSED NO INTERVIEW.

Some Fallacious Reports Regarding His Religion Answered.

McKINLEY'S FRATERNAL TIES.

Personal Statement from the Editor of the Cleveland Leader Regarding the Antipathy of the American Protective Association—McKinley is a Methodist, While Hanna and Boyle are Episcopians—Believes in Freedom of Conscience.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 15.—The following statement is given to the Associated Press by James B. Morrow, editor of the Cleveland Leader, a newspaper which, perhaps more nearly represents Mr. McKinley than does any other paper in the United States:

"Persons who pretend to be conspicuous members of the American Protective Association have given circulation to the statement that Hon. William McKinley is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; that Mr. M. A. Hanna, who is Mr. McKinley's personal and political friend, is a Roman Catholic; that Mr. Boyle, Mr. McKinley's private secretary, is also a member of the Catholic church; and, finally, that while Mr. McKinley was governor of Ohio, his appointments were largely made from the membership of a certain religious denomination. It is urged, therefore, that Mr. McKinley is not the right kind of an American."

"This statement is untrue in part and in whole. Mr. McKinley's Americanism reaches back to the war for independence. William McKinley himself was a private in the Union army while yet a boy, and carried a musket for four years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has been a member of that denomination nearly all his life. His ancestors and his family for two centuries have been Protestants—Methodists and Presbyterians. As a member Mr. McKinley is one of the trustees of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Canton, O."

"Moreover, Mr. McKinley is not a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, nor of the American Protective Association. However, he is a Free Mason, and has been for many years. He is a Knight Templar, a Knight of the Republic, a member of the Union Veterans Union, of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Loyal Legion and of a college fraternity. And these are the only secret societies which Mr. McKinley has any connection with whatever."

"The charge that his appointments to office while he was governor of Ohio, was largely made from the Roman Catholic church, or any other church, is ridiculous and untrue. He believes that all men should be permitted to worship God in the manner that agrees with their conscience."

"He has authorized to say that Major McKinley knows nothing whatever about the application of a committee from any organization to visit him at Canton. He has never refused to meet any person or committee of any kind, nor declined to have any committee interview him upon any subject whatever."

THE A. P. A.'S REASONS.

McKinley Has Not Been Friendly to the Order—Will Support No Individual Candidate.

BOSTON, Mass., April 15.—A circular was issued to-night by the secretary of the advisory board of the American Protective Association, from which these excerpts are taken:

"After several investigations of the national advisory board met and the reports submitted were carefully examined. Among the conclusions reached were these:

"1. That the national advisory board adopt no candidate as the candidate which the order should support, as to do so this time would be most unwise and impolitic."

"2. After carefully analyzing the evidence adduced, the committee found to be true the charges made against one of the candidates, viz: Ex-Governor McKinley, of discriminating in his appointments in favor of Romanists and against American Protestants, because the latter were members of the American Protective Association."

"3. Among the managers and supporters, secret or public, of Major McKinley, are Richard Kerins, a Romanist, of Missouri, who has again and again in the public press denounced the A. P. A. organization in the most virulent terms, and sought, but in vain, to have the national Republican convention denounce the organization."

"4. Of the other candidates, viz: William B. Allison, of Iowa, Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania; Senator Culom, of Illinois; Governor Bradley, of Kentucky; Governor Morton, of New York; ex-President Harrison, and Thomas B. Reed, the committee was satisfied with their Americanism and sympathy with the principles of the order."

"Concerning the charges made against Thomas B. Reed, the committee found them groundless."

"It is also a notable fact that the only state conventions that have thus far incorporated principles of our order in the platform are the states that are now booming Mr. Reed, and on such platform, if nominated, he must stand."

**Fatal Freight Wreck.**

MEADVILLE, Pa., April 15.—The third section of the New York Pennsylvania & Ohio freight train No. 82, was badly wrecked near Geneva, eight miles west of this city, at 11:15 this morning. Engineer Patrick Kerr and brakeman Hurl Rowley were killed and Engineer McFarland, fireman Elmer Bush, A. M. Weir seriously injured. All were of this city. The wreck was caused by a broken rail. Loss \$7,000. The injured were brought to this city, where Brakeman Rowley died early this evening.

**Asperin Consumption Cure.**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 15.—The asperin cure for consumption has been tried on three convicts in the western penitentiary with remarkable success. The convicts all had pulmonary tuberculosis and were considered incurable.

A month's treatment shows an uninterrupted record of rapid and marvelous improvement, until the patients are at external appearances well men.

OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Closing Day's Session of the Knights of Honor Meeting.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 15.—The grand lodge of the Knights of Honor to-day elected the following officers: Dictator, N. C. Peatt; Huntingdon; vice dictator, John R. Hieble; Parkersburg; assistant dictator, John Martin; Mountsville; reporter, O. H. Bruce; Piedmont; treasurer, L. B. Purdy; Mountsville; chaplain, G. L. Cranmer; Wheeling; guide, Robert Alexander; Parkersburg; guardian, S. D. Hayball; Guyanover; sentinel, F. D. Staley; Martinsburg; trustee, Joseph Hall; Wheeling; supreme representative, John R. Chamberlain; Charleston; alternate, G. L. Cranmer; Wheeling. Parkersburg was selected as the place and April 18 as the date for the next meeting of the grand lodge, which will hereafter meet annually instead of biennially.

INSANE HOSPITAL BOARD

Meets at Weston and Lets Several Contracts—A Dance Last Night.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
WESTON, W. Va., April 15.—At the semi-annual meeting of the Insane hospital board, now in session here, the usual contracts for provisions were awarded to the lowest bidder. Rube Koblegard & Co. got the flour contract at \$2.84 per barrel. L. A. Hall contracted for the beef at \$6.00 per hundred pounds, and meat and other provisions were in keeping with the market prices. Tonight a grand ball, in which Weston's society folks will figure most prominently in entertaining their numerous guests, is being given at the hospital in honor of the board.

COUNTERFEITERS RAIDED.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., April 15.—Deputy Marshal Fremont, and guards to-night raided a den just south of the city where a counterfeiting gang was supposed to be holding forth. Several molds were found, and Tim Flannery, the only occupant in the building, was arrested, and considerable counterfeit money was found.

COAL TRUST BILLS.

Governor Morton Requests Their Withdrawal—Assemblyman Robbins Objects.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 15.—Governor Morton to-day asked Assemblyman Robbins to withdraw the coal trust bills, which passed last week, giving Attorney general the right to prosecute all trusts. The governor gave as a reason for making the request that he had not time to examine them and he would like to make them thirty-day bills. Mr. Robbins returned answer that under no circumstance would he jeopardize bills by bringing them back. "The coal trust lawyers and lobbyists are still here," said Mr. Robbins, "and I don't propose to run any risk. The bills are plain enough and can be handled in ten days."

When Governor Morton received Mr. Robbins' reply he sent back another message saying that if the bills were withdrawn as requested he would veto them without any delay.

A STRANGE DISASTER.

Resembling the Johnstown Horror—Fortunately No Lives Lost.

ISHPEMING, Mich., April 15.—A number of families at Cleveland, a small mining town near here, narrowly escaped death by drowning last night. A large pond containing several feet of water broke through the embankment of the south shore railway tracks and tore a path through a residence district. The water rose to a height of ten feet within five minutes, driving the frightened people before it. Many escaped by taking refuge on the upper stories of their houses. The water finally found lodgment in the Cleveland Cliff Gap saw mill mine, which was completely filled in ten minutes after the dam gave way. The damage to residence and the mine will foot up about \$12,000.

ANOTHER PLANTATION BURNED.

An Attempt of the Insurgents to Pass Through the Swamp Intercepted.

HAVANA, April 15.—At the village of Cidra, province of Matanzas, the insurgents have burned forty houses and they have also burned the machinery houses and plantation of San Benito, in the Macuriges district, besides destroying 3,800 tons of cane at Leandro Soler.

Lieut. Colonel Pintos surprised and engaged the insurgents under Maso, near Poso Redondo, in the Batabano district of this province. The enemy left ten killed on the field and the country people report that the insurgent loss was over twenty killed and many wounded.

The insurgents have made another attempt to force the military at Mariel, trying to pass through the swamps. The gunboats Almirantes and Dardo opened fire with guns and rifles upon the enemy and the latter were repulsed westward.

The Day in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The senate spent the entire day on the Durnont case, Mr. Gray, of Delaware, arguing against the claim of Mr. Durnont. Bills were passed appropriating \$17,000 for acquiring burial grounds at Fort Meigs and Put-in-Bay Island, Ohio, and the interment therein of the remains of soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812.

At 5:30 p. m. the senate adjourned.

Without Comment.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The President to-day transmitted to Congress without comment the correspondence called for by the senate at the instance of Senator Hoar, relative to the attempt at mediation made by the United States government during the course of the preceding rebellion in Cuba. The correspondence covers the period from November 5, 1875, to August, 1876, and comprises about 400 typewritten pages.

Wire Nail Men Adjourn.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 15.—The wire nail manufacturers concluded their session to-day and left for their homes. The only announcement they would make was that they had partly succeeded in their object, which was to maintain the prices at card figures and provide themselves with such safeguards as will protect them from the newly formed steel pool.

Miners and Free Silver.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 15.—The national miners' convention will elect officers to-morrow and adjourn next day. It was decided to hold the convention hereafter the second week in January instead of April. Resolutions were adopted favoring free silver and urging the adoption of cash payment and abolishing of company stores.

Two Miners Killed.

LOCKHAVEN, Pa., April 15.—Michael and Andrew Alynak, brothers, were killed in the mines of the Kettle Creek Coal Company at Blumings, this county, to-day, by a fall of coal.

A CONVENTION DAY.

Both Parties Hold Conventions in a Half Dozen States.

DEMOCRACY FOR FREE SILVER

While the Republicans Favor Sound Money—Richard Bland, of Missouri, Declines to Go as Delegate-at-Large. Kentucky Republicans Adjourn Without Completing Their Work—Nebraska and North Dakota Solid for McKinley and Sound Money.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 15.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 2:35 p. m. by Hon. John W. Yerkes, chairman of the state central committee. Judge Thomas E. Morrow, of Pulaski county, was elected temporary chairman. Judge Morrow, who is styled the "father of Republicanism in Kentucky," in a short speech on taking the chair, struck the key-note of the convention. He urged the delegates to act harmoniously in completing the work of the convention. They should, he said, make their endorsement of sound money unequivocal; adopt a financial plank that would need no interpretation; that he who runs may read. The convention then took a recess until 8 p. m.

The McKinley men started out when the convention re-assembled, to contest every point of the Bradley programme. At 10 o'clock when the credentials committee presented its report. The report was adopted without opposition. The committee on permanent organization then presented its report, naming Charles R. Blandford, speaker of the last house of representatives, for permanent chairman.

Mr. Blandford was elected permanent chairman by acclamation. While waiting for the report of the committee on resolutions the convention listened to nominating speeches for delegates and electors. A dozen or more nominating speeches were made and still the resolutions committee was unable to make its report. The convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

INSTRUCTED FOR ELKINS.

He is the Choice of the Randolph County Republicans with McKinley Second.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER.  
ELKINS, W. Va., April 15.—A mass convention of the Republicans of Randolph county was held at Beverly to-day. It was a representative gathering and harmonious. S. L. Baker was re-elected chairman of the county committee and W. G. Wilson secretary. Mr. S. C. Cowell was selected as a member of the congressional committee for Randolph county.

The delegates to the judicial convention were instructed for Judge Joseph T. Hoke.

A resolution was passed instructing delegates to the state and district convention to vote for McKinley for President, and in the event of his not being a candidate for Hon. William McKinley.

NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS

Declare for Sound Money and Elect McKinley Delegates—A. P. A. are Late.

OMAHA, Neb., April 15.—The state convention of Nebraska Republicans convened in Omaha to-night, 1,067 delegates being present. The delegates were pledged by acclamation and instructed to support McKinley.

The financial plank is as follows: "We pledge ourselves in advance to the platform of the forthcoming Republican national convention, believing that it will declare against the free and unlimited coinage of silver and for currency of gold, silver and paper, as sound as the government, and as unimpaired as its honor, and for that American system of protection and reciprocity of which William McKinley is the best living exponent and under which our people attained the greatest national and individual prosperity."

H. A. Thompson, of St. Louis, member of the executive committee of the advisory board of the A. P. A. arrived in the city this morning. Nebraska leaders of the organization headed for his room and soon a lively conference was in progress.

Mr. Thompson said the order had decided that a fight to the end was to be waged on McKinley. The St. Louis man was told that it was too late.

MISSOURI DEMOCRATS.

The State Convention Hisses the Gold Delegates' Appeal for Recognition.

SEDAVIA, Mo., April 15.—Chairman Maffit rapped the Democratic state convention to order at 12:30. After divine invocation by Rev. J. S. Meyer, ex-Congressman William H. Hatch was announced as temporary chairman. In an address he begged the leaders to stand by the doctrines of the Democracy as laid down by its founder, and proposed that the Chicago convention follow the lead taken by the Perle Springs convention and adopt an unequivocal silver platform. Whoever the nominees of the Chicago convention for President might be, he said, if his platform be that of true Democracy, there would be no third party candidate.

Mayor Hastings, of Sedalia, followed, welcoming the delegates to the city. During a wrangle over the recognition of the St. Louis delegates, somewhat of a sensation was caused when the state chairman Maffit leaned over the platform to speak to some one in the audience. Delegate Nicholas Bell, of St. Louis, dashed the dregs of a glass of water he was drinking into Maffit's face.

Edward Butler, of St. Louis, was hissed when he spoke for recognition of his fellow gold delegate and declared that the failure to recognize him would mean the loss of five thousand votes to the Democracy of Missouri.

Bitter speeches on each side continued till 2:15 o'clock, when the question was put to a vote. The St. Louis gold delegates were finally recognized and recess taken till 4 o'clock to appoint committee.

Not until 8:20 did the convention reconvene. A permanent organization was then effected. M. E. Bolton, of Newton county, being elected permanent chairman, and Bain Cook, of Mexico, one of the most active silver men in the state, was made secretary.

Following this, the report of the committee on resolutions was read. The money plank demands the free and unlimited coinage of silver and gold in primary or redemption money at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the action or approval of any other government. The issuing of interest-bearing bonds of the United States in times of peace and the sale of bonds to any syndicate of bankers was denounced.

Governor Stone, of the convention, after presenting a resolution nominating Richard P. Bland delegate at large to Chicago as the foremost advocate of the white metal, Pandemonium reigned and the resolution was adopted by a rising vote. Bland immediately

arose, declared it would be impossible for him to serve as Delegate-at-Large, and declined the honor.

Colorado Democrats.

DENVER, Col., April 15.—The Democratic state convention was called to order in the Broadway theatre at 11:30 o'clock to-day, by Olney Newell, secretary of the state central committee.

J. L. McAllister, of Pueblo, was unanimously chosen temporary chairman. Mr. McAllister addressed the convention briefly, declaring the motto of the Democrats of Colorado to be the free coinage of silver to be the paramount issue before the country and expressing the belief that the national Democratic convention would declare for it without reference to the co-operation of other countries.

An unusual feature of the convention was the small number of women delegates, there being but ten in the total representation of 445.

It was an anti-administration convention throughout. The platform, which was unanimously adopted, deals with no other question but that of monetary issue and favors free coinage at the ratio of 16 to 1.

North Dakota Solid.

FARGO, N. D., April 15.—Early this morning the anti-Hambrough men of the state met at the Hotel Metropole and agreed to stand by the caucus in the state Republican convention. At the caucus the 812 delegates assembled voted to support McKinley until all show was gone.

Not Insulted.

AUBURN, Me., April 15.—The Republican convention for the second congressional district was held to-day. Congressman Nelson Ellingby, Jr., was renominated by acclamation. The delegates to St. Louis were not instructed.

THEIR PLOT FAILS.

Negroes Bent Upon Arson and Murder Frightened Away and Their Leader Shot.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 15.—A special to the Journal from Selma, Ala., says: News reached this city at 11 o'clock last night that the residence of Judge Alonzo Irwin, seven miles west of Selma, was surrounded by negroes, who threatened to murder the family. Sheriff Kennedy and a posse hastened to the scene.

The negroes heard the posse coming to the house and dispersed. The leader, Lewis Osborne, was found in his house, a short distance away. The door was forced open and Osborne stuck a gun through the crack and attempted to shoot. The sheriff fired into the house and Osborne, who had refused to surrender, ran out, gun in hand. The posse fired on him and he fell, mortally wounded, living but fifty minutes thereafter. His dying statement was to the effect that the mob around the house intended to get five to ten and murder the family if the run out. Two of the ringleaders have been jailed. The trouble grew out of a difficulty between Judge Irwin's son and a child of Osborne's.

TWO KILLED.

By the Explosion of a Fireworks Factory Near Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 15.—One of the main buildings of the Chicago Fire Works Company at Grosspoint, fourteen miles north of this city, was blown up this morning, resulting in the death of two employees and the serious injury of several more. The dead are: Nicholas Boree, Annie Boree.

The cause of the explosion is not known, but is supposed to have been caused by some grains of powder being ignited by concussion in the machinery used in making fireworks.

There were eight persons at work in the building at the time, not one of whom escaped injury.

The injured are: Chauncey Siemy, Rosa Nertens, Lizzie Shafter, Kathleen, Emma Simpeke and Annie Cressant.

Inspected the Troops.

VIENNA, April 15.—The weather was splendid to-day, and the parade of the garrison in honor of the emperor and empress of Germany passed off brilliantly.

When Emperor William, in Austrian Hussar uniform, rode upon the parade ground, the bands played the German national anthem. So soon as Emperor William appeared, Emperor Francis Joseph saluted up to him, saluted and delivered the report. Their majesties then rode, side by side, down the front of the troops.

Holmes Penitent.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 15.—Although Rev. P. F. Daily, of the Roman Catholic church, of the Anunciata, refuse to confirm or deny the statement that he is a helper of the murderer Holmes in his cell to-day, it was stated on good authority that the ceremony will not take place until the week set for Holmes' execution. Father Daily has been ministering spiritually to Holmes for a month and is convinced that the murderer is genuinely penitent.

Murder and Suicide.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Frederick Merrick shot and killed his wife Ida in her bedroom at their home in Brooklyn this morning. Then, standing before a mirror in an adjoining room, he fired a bullet into his right temple. Death was instantaneous in both cases. The couple, who were well to do, had been married six years and leave a child five years old. It is alleged that Merrick was suspicious of his wife and that he had had a detective watching her for some time.

The Elbe Damages.

ROTTERDAM, April 15.—The owners of the British steamer Cathie, belonging to Abgorden, have been condemned to pay \$65,000 florins damages to the North German Lloyd company for the sinking of the steamship Elbe by collision during the morning of January 30, 1895, with a loss of \$33 lives.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Maine and New Jersey Republicans hold their state conventions to-day.

The senate in executive session yesterday ratified the Bering Sea arbitration treaty.

The house of representatives yesterday devoted the day to a discussion of trustees for the national soldiers' homes.

Hon. John G. Carlisle spoke on the currency question at the Chicago auditorium last night before an audience that filled the great hall to the utmost.

The Ohio Republican committee elected the following officers for the executive committee: Chairman, G. L. Curtis, of Columbus; secretary, W. S. Matthews, of Gallia county; treasurer, George W. Binks, of Columbus.

Speaking of President Cleveland at Denver, Senator Tillman yesterday said: "Who is this man at Washington masquerading in the clothes of Jefferson and pretending to be introducing reform? Good God, that the name of Democracy should be disgraced by such a man as Grover Cleveland."

THE SECOND DAY.

Yesterday's Sessions of the Washington Presbytery.

EXAMINATION OF LICENTIATES

And Their Ordination at the First Church Last Night—The Report of the Narrative Committee Shows a Gratifying Number of Accessions to the Churches of the Presbytery—Installation of Rev. Speers as Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of this City.

The Washington presbytery met pursuant to adjournment Tuesday evening in the First Presbyterian church yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, and during its various sessions accomplished a great deal of business. Nevertheless, some business remains unfinished, which will have to be disposed of to-day. The most interesting features of yesterday's sessions were the examination of candidates for the ministry and the election of delegates to the general assembly.

The first business of the morning session was the granting of a letter to Rev. Leonard Twinn to the presbytery of St. Clairsville. The moderator, Rev. A. S. Taylor, appointed the following committees:

Judicial committee—Rev. J. B. Miller and T. W. Young; Elders James K. Mitchell and James L. Patterson. Supply—Rev. J. S. Pomeroy, W. E. Allen and Elder E. D. Blaney.

Subjects of candidates—Rev. James H. Snowden and Frank Fish. Committee on minutes of general assembly—Rev. Cyrus C. Allen and J. R. Hosick and Elder R. S. Cooley.

Revs. Hunter and McCracken, of St. Clairsville, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The call of the Second Presbyterian church of this city, extended to Rev. Joseph Speer, of the Nassau, New York, presbytery, was read, and, being correct in all forms, was placed in Rev. Speer's hands and formally accepted by him. Rev. Speer and Elder H. C. Dail were appointed a committee to arrange for the ceremonies of installation. Later in the day the following program was decided on. The installation will take place Tuesday, April 22. Rev. Laverly Greer will preside, and the sermon will be preached by Rev. J. D. Moffatt, former pastor of the church, and now president of Washington Jefferson College. The charge to the pastor will be delivered by Rev. W. H. Lester, of West Alexander, and a charge to the people by Rev. Samuel Cochran.

The statistical reports of the various churches of the presbytery were submitted, showing a gratifying increase in membership during the year. The money spent for missions footed up a liberal amount for that category of the United Presbyterian church of this city, were invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Robert J. Morehead, of New Cumberland; Robert S. Caulder, of Clayville, and Charles F. Hues, of Waynesburg, were examined in experimental religion and taken under the care of the presbytery.

At 10 o'clock devotional exercises were held, led by Rev. W. H. Lester, of West Alexander. Rev. Dr. James L. Brownson, of Washington, Pa., delivered an address on a topic relative to the occasion.

At the afternoon session Rev. Thomas W. Young, chairman of the committee on narrative, submitted the report of the board, and the showing made is exceedingly gratifying. During the year there had been received in the churches of the presbytery by confession of faith 605 persons, distributed among forty-four churches. There are the same number of Sunday schools in the presbytery as churches.

The board, as well as sustained and the financial condition of the church excellent. The expenses of each church have been met fully and the pastors' salaries have all been paid. The number of women's societies is about seventy, while there are thirty-seven societies of Christian Endeavor. Good work has been done throughout the presbytery by the churches. Temperance, health and the home, good citizenship have all received due attention. The sessions have general supervision over all. The largest addition to any one congregation was to that of Pigeon creek, there being ninety-five communicants added by confession of faith. Clayville came next with thirty-six. The report showed the general condition of the church to be good, and that an immense amount of work had been done during the past year.

The overture to the assembly to re-establish a day of prayer for colleges and seminaries, and fixing the last Thursday in January as the date, was presented by Rev. Joseph Speers, and adopted.

The following candidates for the ministry were examined by Rev. Brownson, Moffatt and Cunningham in theology, church government and sacred church history, Latin verses and Greek exegesis and Hebrew, and the examinations sustained in each case: J. E. Fisher, G. E. Fisher, John M. Oliver, Robert S. Calder, P. V. Bedlin, George M. Donohoe and J. W. Harvey.

A call from the Fairview, Hancock county, church, extended to Rev. G. E. Fisher, was read and accepted by him. The licentiates were heard deliver five minute lectures. The call of the Third Presbyterian church extended to Rev. Matthew Rutherford, of Allegheny presbytery, was accepted by him.

Robert B. Winters, of the Second church, of Washington, Pa., was elected chairman of the committee on systematic benevolence. The committee on synodical sustentation appropriated \$112 to West Liberty to run to October 1. The stated meeting of the presbytery will be held at the Third Presbyterian church, of Washington, Pa., on the second Tuesday in September.

A vote of appreciation of the ladies missionary work was recorded. The election of delegates to the general assembly resulted in the selection of Rev. J. H. Snowden, of Washington, and Rev. A. S. Taylor, of Mt. Prospect, Pa. Alternates—Rev. Thomas W. Young and Rev. Charles Williams.

Elders—James K. Mitchell and J. R. Lyle. Alternates—Samuel Pollack and S. M. McConnell. The churches of Waynesburg, Burgettstown and Lower Buffalo were granted the privilege of supplying themselves.

The committee on disabled ministers and relief fund extended aid to the following: Mrs. Lapsley, \$200; Mrs. Fulton, \$100; Mrs. Stevenson, \$200; and Mrs. Jeffery, \$200.

A. F. Alexander was appointed chairman of the committee on emigration. The candidates for ministers licenses preached their trial sermons at the First church last night to a large congregation. The efforts were above the usual order of merit, and the ordination services were very impressive.

A Council for Armenia.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—The President to-day nominated Leo Baghian, of New York, to be consul of the United States at Erzerum, Armenia.

THE TIN PLATE MAKERS.

They were in Session Yesterday at Pittsburgh—Nothing is Accomplished—A Local Manufacturer's View.

The tin plate manufacturers of the country met in Pittsburgh yesterday for the purpose of considering the new conditions brought about by the formation of the steel pool. Nothing was accomplished at yesterday's sessions and the meeting will continue to-day. A local manufacturer in the course of a conversation relative to the situation, says that the present status of affairs is a speaking lesson of the folly of giving an infant industry like the tin plate business, the slight and inadequate protection given by the present tariff law. Every obstacle to the steel business is being removed by the tin plate manufacturers, who are hanging on to their venture by a mere thread, and are barely able to share the American market with the Welsh manufacturers. Until adequate protection is given the tin plate industry it will continue in its present uncertain state.

Speaking of the Pittsburgh meeting, the leader had this last evening. All sorts of surmises are being made as to the probable policy to be pursued by the tin plate men in view of the rearrangement of prices by the recently formed steel pool. The guessing is going on at a lively rate, but after all is said and done it is doubtful if the manufacturers themselves know just "where they are at." They hope, however, to arrive at certain conclusions tomorrow at a general meeting to be held in this city, and according to a statement made by Secretary John Jarrett every firm in the country will be represented.

The board of managers of the Tin Plate Manufacturers' Association went into executive session this afternoon. At noon Secretary Jarrett said: "It is altogether too early to say anything about the work on hand for the reason that the board has not acted on any of the matters pertaining to trade conditions. In all likelihood the board will prepare certain measures this afternoon for presentation at tomorrow's meeting. These will be discussed and acted upon then."

Asked if any effort would be made to bring about friendly relations between the tin plate people and the steel pool, Mr. Jarrett said:

"Oh, the relations are already friendly. It may be that something in the line of a working agreement will be considered. Nearly all of the tin plate firms are already members of our association, but this will also be handed to participate in the deliberations."

Among the many stories afloat is one to the effect that the tin plate men will advance prices in order to meet the increase on billets. This is doubtful, however, as the manufacturers already complain of being almost unable to meet foreign prices in the New York market. The chances are that a tight-boned association will be perfected to-morrow and efforts made to reach an amicable understanding with the steel interests. A fight against the pool on the part of the men interested